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Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages, 1951<sup>1/</sup>

Ottawa, July 26, 1951, 3 p.m.— The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today a preliminary report on acreages seeded to field crops and in summerfallow in Canada in 1951. The estimates, with some exceptions, <sup>2/</sup> are based on returns from the annual June survey of field crops. Acreages for 1950 are included for comparative purposes. The 1951 estimates are preliminary only and are subject to revision in the light of marketing and other check data which will become available after the close of the 1951-52 crop year.

For Canada as a whole the survey indicates that there has been some shift from wheat and summerfallow acreage into coarse grains and flaxseed. This year's wheat acreage is placed at 25.7 million acres, about 5 per cent below last year's level of 27.0 million. Increased acreages of both oats and barley, however, practically offset the decreases in wheat and summerfallow. The acreage of oats is placed at 12.1 million compared with 11.6 million in 1950, with almost all of the increase taking place in the Prairie Provinces. Barley acreage, estimated at 8.0 million acres, is up by 21 per cent over last year's level of 6.6 million, with all provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec sharing in the increase. Total rye acreage, at 1.1 million acres, is down 4 per cent from 1950, but flaxseed acreage, at 1.1 million acres, is almost double that of last year. Other crops registering increases in acreage over 1950 are mixed grains, buckwheat, soybeans, hay and clover, and alfalfa.

In addition to wheat, rye and summerfallow, decreased acreages are indicated for dry peas, dry beans, shelled corn, field roots, fodder corn, and potatoes. For potatoes, the 1951 acreage is estimated at just over 400,000 acres, with all provinces sharing in the 21 per cent decrease from last year. Total summerfallow acreage in the Prairie Provinces, at 20.3 million acres, is about 0.7 million below last year's level. Acreages for all crops in each province and for Canada as a whole are included in Table 1.

Table 2 sets out the 1951 seeded acreages of principal grain crops and summerfallow, by crop districts, in the Prairie Provinces while Table 3 summarizes the acreages in the main field crops and summerfallow for the same region. The area seeded to wheat is practically unchanged from 1950 in Manitoba but is lower by 2 per cent and 12 per cent, respectively, in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Increased acreages were seeded to oats, barley and flaxseed in all three provinces. For oats the increases range from 6 per cent in Saskatchewan to 8 per cent in Manitoba, while for barley the increases are 19 per cent in Alberta and Manitoba and 31 per cent in Saskatchewan. The flaxseed acreage was almost doubled in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and more than doubled in Alberta. Total rye acreage is almost the same as last year in Saskatchewan and Alberta but is little more than half that of 1950 in Manitoba. Summerfallow acreages increased 2 per cent in Alberta but declined 2 per cent in Saskatchewan, and 19 per cent in Manitoba where flooding last year was responsible for a substantial increase in land left in summerfallow.

<sup>1/</sup> Data for Newfoundland not yet available.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimates for some late-sown crops have been derived from reports of crop correspondents. Data on sugar beets have been supplied through the courtesy of the processing companies.

Table 1 - Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,  
Canada, 1951

Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area	Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>CANADA</u>				<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Winter wheat	928,000	98	911,300	Spring wheat	3,600	154	5,500
Spring wheat	26,093,200	95	24,820,000	Oats	184,000	107	197,000
All wheat	27,021,200	95	25,731,300	Barley	17,400	129	22,400
Oats	11,575,100	104	12,065,400	Beans, dry	1,000	86	900
Barley	6,624,800	121	8,035,900	Buckwheat	15,300	80	12,200
Fall rye	830,000	93	770,000	Mixed grains	14,100	133	18,800
Spring rye	337,900	106	357,000	Potatoes	59,900	76	45,300
All rye	1,167,900	96	1,127,000	Field roots	9,000	87	7,800
Peas, dry	49,400	88	43,700	Hay and clover	620,000	98	610,000
Beans, dry	75,500	89	67,100	Fodder corn	2,000	84	1,700
Soybeans	142,000	124	176,100	<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Buckwheat	155,400	109	169,400	Spring wheat	32,900	90	29,700
Mixed grains	1,679,200	108	1,806,900	Oats	1,546,000	98	1,522,000
Flaxseed	560,000 <sup>1/</sup>	199	1,112,200	Barley	142,000	95	135,000
Shelled corn	303,600	98	299,900	Spring rye	13,700	115	15,700
Potatoes	503,200	79	400,900	Peas, dry	14,500	93	13,500
Field roots	102,800	89	91,700	Beans, dry	9,200	92	8,500
Hay and clover	9,254,000	104	9,666,700	Buckwheat	74,900	99	74,300
Alfalfa	1,546,800	102	1,580,900	Mixed grains	354,000	102	361,000
Fodder corn	628,500	87	548,600	Potatoes	161,000	85	137,000
Sugar beets	101,650	100	101,176	Field roots	26,100	91	23,700
Summerfallow	20,998,000	97	20,312,000	Hay and clover	3,727,000	102	3,785,000
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>				Alfalfa	105,000	102	107,000
Spring wheat	7,200	136	9,800	Fodder corn	144,000	88	127,000 <sup>2/</sup>
Oats	113,000	99	112,000	Sugar beets	11,750	100	11,750 <sup>2/</sup>
Barley	11,800	123	14,500	<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Buckwheat	900	60	500	Winter wheat	928,000	98	911,300
Mixed grains	80,200	112	90,000	Spring wheat	55,000	83	45,600
Potatoes	45,100	70	31,400	All wheat	983,000	97	956,900
Field roots	12,900	101	13,000	Oats	2,128,000	100	2,120,700
Hay and clover	226,000	98	222,000	Barley	222,000	101	223,500
Fodder corn	1,200	83	1,000	Fall rye	91,000	83	75,900
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>				Peas, dry	17,700	63	11,100
Spring wheat	1,500	158	2,400	Beans, dry	64,900	88	57,300
Oats	68,900	105	72,300	Soybeans	142,000	124	176,100
Barley	7,700	100	7,700	Buckwheat	58,600	131	76,600
Buckwheat	700	120	800	Mixed grains	1,144,000	108	1,230,800
Mixed grains	7,700	138	10,600	Flaxseed	32,000	163	52,200
Potatoes	21,700	86	18,700	Shelled corn	275,600	103	284,900
Field roots	9,400	95	8,900	Potatoes	113,000	71	80,000
Hay and clover	386,000	99	384,000	Field roots	43,700	84	36,800
Fodder corn	1,000	102	1,000	Hay and clover	2,836,000	112	3,182,700
				Alfalfa	794,000	103	817,300
				Fodder corn	452,100	87	391,600
				Sugar beets	33,550	92	31,000

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimated same as in 1950; official 1951 data not yet available.



Table 1 - Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Acreages,  
Canada, 1951 - concluded

Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area	Province and Crop	1950 Area	Per Cent of 1950	1951 Area
	acres	p.c.	acres		acres	p.c.	acres
<u>MANITOBA</u>				<u>ALBERTA</u>			
Spring wheat	2,382,000	100	2,400,000	Spring wheat	7,251,000	88	6,364,000
Oats	1,610,000	108	1,740,000	Oats	2,455,000	107	2,639,000
Barley	1,717,000	119	2,040,000	Barley	2,534,000	119	3,011,000
Fall rye	69,000	48	33,100	Fall rye	152,000	135	205,000
Spring rye	13,400	69	9,300	Spring rye	160,000	72	115,000
All rye	82,400	51	42,400	All rye	312,000	103	320,000
Peas, dry	5,500	120	6,600	Peas, dry	7,000	109	7,600
Buckwheat	5,000	100	5,000	Mixed grains	43,300	137	59,300
Mixed grains	19,700	102	20,000	Flaxseed	48,300	226	109,000
Flaxseed	300,000	198	594,000	Potatoes	28,300	86	24,200
Shelled corn	30,000	50	15,000	Hay and clover	664,000	106	704,000
Potatoes	28,100	79	22,100	Alfalfa	281,000	95	266,000
Hay and clover	303,000	94	284,000	Fodder corn	1,000	53	500
Alfalfa	112,000	120	134,000	Sugar beets	36,152	104	37,531 <sup>1/</sup>
Fodder corn	19,000	105	20,000	Summerfallow	5,950,000	102	6,051,000
Sugar beets	20,198	103	20,895				
Summerfallow	2,560,000	81	2,063,000				
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>				<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Spring wheat	16,203,000	98	15,810,000	Spring wheat	157,000	97	153,000
Oats	3,381,000	106	3,575,000	Oats	89,200	98	87,400
Barley	1,954,000	131	2,561,000	Barley	18,900	110	20,800
Fall rye	518,000	88	456,000	Spring rye	800	127	1,000
Spring rye	150,000	144	216,000	Peas, dry	3,700	106	3,900
All rye	668,000	101	672,000	Beans, dry	400	90	400
Peas, dry	1,000	95	1,000	Mixed grains	10,000	90	9,000
Mixed grains	6,200	120	7,400	Flaxseed	2,700 <sup>2/</sup>	185	5,000
Flaxseed	177,000	199	352,000	Potatoes	16,200	89	14,400
Potatoes	31,900	87	27,800	Field roots	1,700	86	1,500
Hay and clover	277,000	98	271,000	Hay and clover	215,000	104	224,000
Alfalfa	158,000	98	155,000	Alfalfa	96,800	105	101,600
Fodder corn	4,800	49	2,400	Fodder corn	3,400	101	3,400
Summerfallow	12,488,000	98	12,198,000				

<sup>1/</sup> Seeded acreage; about 1,000 acres of this abandoned to date.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.

Table 2 - Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow,  
by Crop Districts, Prairie Provinces, 1951 <sup>1/</sup>

Province	Crop District	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer-fallow
- 000 acres -					
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
	1	212	89	50	155
	2	353	180	228	270
	3	619	462	615	375
	4	32	21	30	23
	5	115	84	125	61
	6	25	37	18	28
	7	299	189	188	327
	8	180	136	152	206
	9	124	130	130	120
	10	185	180	207	240
	11	111	97	118	120
	12	46	47	57	27
	13	67	52	84	67
	14	32	36	38	44
Provincial Total		2,400	1,740	2,040	2,063
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
	1A	481	261	109	454
	1B	321	262	84	329
	2A	563	153	74	534
	2B	1,219	144	53	780
	3AS	1,099	99	115	767
	3AN	622	64	140	442
	3BS	742	52	124	695
	3BN	1,086	73	104	840
	4A	401	33	57	337
	4B	785	10	16	379
	5A	834	329	216	745
	5B	759	366	362	799
	6A	1,334	258	147	1,048
	6B	1,179	197	94	778
	7A	1,277	65	79	724
	7B	659	336	59	566
	8A	420	171	249	472
	8B	668	205	181	595
	9A	783	289	206	582
	9B	578	208	92	332
Provincial Total		15,810	3,575	2,561	12,198

<sup>1/</sup> Based on June Survey of Crops.

Table 2 - Seeded Acreages of Principal Grain Crops and Summerfallow  
by Crop Districts, Prairie Provinces, 1951 <sup>1/</sup> (concluded)

Province	Crop District	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Summer-fallow
- 000 acres -					
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
	1	825	34	127	780
	2	408	50	105	467
	3A	145	4	4	132
	3B	165	30	34	53
	4	708	106	112	700
	5	586	111	69	456
	6	840	241	326	866
	7	593	229	117	558
	8	485	356	536	540
	9	71	82	228	145
	10	541	411	382	510
	11	144	264	358	230
	12	18	43	25	47
	13	158	86	117	105
	14	209	225	343	174
	15	101	98	34	54
	16	340	260	92	210
	17	27	9	2	24
Provincial Total		6,364	2,639	3,011	6,051

<sup>1/</sup> Based on June Survey of Crops.

Table 3 - Preliminary Estimates of Acreages in Principal Crops  
and Summerfallow, Prairie Provinces, 1951

Crop	1950	Per Cent of 1950	1951
	acres	p.c.	acres
Wheat .....	25,836,000	95	24,574,000
Oats .....	7,446,000	107	7,954,000
Barley .....	6,205,000	123	7,612,000
Rye .....	1,062,400	97	1,034,400
Flaxseed .....	525,300	201	1,055,000
Hay and clover .....	1,244,000	101	1,259,000
Alfalfa .....	551,000	101	555,000
Summerfallow .....	20,998,000	97	20,312,000

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